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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WOMEN'S STUDIES COUNCIL HONORS AREA WOMEN

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Women's Studies Council recently presented Women of Achievement awards to Charleston residents Mathiel Crane and Tanya Wood and Eastern international student Luciana deCastro Gomes from Brazil.

Recipients were recognized for their contributions to the university and/or larger community in advancing the status of women and improving the quality of lives around them.

Crane, a Charleston resident for more than 30 years, taught at Buzzard Laboratory School and in the Charleston public schools, spending 19 years as a high school counselor before becoming a volunteer and leader in many civic and professional

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organizations. She has been involved in the League of Women Voters, Girl Scouts, Retired Teachers Association, Charleston Women's Club and several honorary education societies. She is a volunteer at the Greenwood School and is active in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Crane is also the only woman on the city Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning. She and her husband, William, have two daughters, Gail Mason and Laurel Thornton.

Wood has spent 20 years in theatrical production and has produced and directed many plays by and about women. She established the Charleston Alley Theater, known as CAT, and the Charleston Puppet Theater. Wood is active in civic and commercial affairs and is a member of the Women's League of Voters, past president and member of the Uptown Merchants Association and owner of the Lincoln Book Shop in Charleston.

Gomes, a senior political science major, is a resident hall assistant at Eastern and is active in the Association of International Students. She is also a member of Eastern's chapter of BACCHUS (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students), Amnesty International and Freshman Orientation Committee. Prior to coming to Eastern, she spent her senior year of high school in Pana as a Rotary International Scholar.

In addition to the Women of Achievement awards, the Council presented several writing awards to Eastern students.

Lisa Strange of Charleston, a graduate student in speech

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communication, received first place for her essay, "The Rhetoric of Sexual Harassment: Beneficial or Harmful to Society?" which mentions the Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill hearings.

Two honorable mention awards were presented to Michelle Warner of Mattoon, an English major with a minor in Women's Studies, and Diane Pointer of Mahomet, who received a master's degree in history from Eastern in December.

Warner's essay, "Just How Sexist is Updike Anyway?", examines John Updike's ideas of womanhood as he expressed them through the characters of his two novels. Pointer's essay, "Catharine Beecher's Undeclared Treatise on Domestic Privacy," deals with Beecher's vision of the perfect domestic scene for middle class women in the late 1800s.